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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (WCIWY)

--PROPOSALS FOR DECLARATION AND RESOLUTIONS

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1. AT SECOND AND LAST MEETING OF NEGOTIATING GROUP THURSDAY, JUNE 5, IT WAS CLEAR THAT SOME NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES PRESENT, NOTABLY EGYPT AND MEXICO, WANTED DRAFT DECLARATION TO BE PREPARED WITHIN G77. MEXICO ACCORDINGLY CALLED SMALL GROUP OF INTERESTED NON-ALIGNED DELS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 6 TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF DECLARATION FURTHER.

2. FOLLOWING REPORT BASED ON INFORMATION FROM INDIAN AND IRANIAN MISOFFS. AT FRIDAY MEETING THOSE PRESENT AGREED THAT WCIWY SHOULD ADOPT DECLARATION BUT MOOD WAS CONCILIATORY WITH EGYPT, INDIA, IRAN AND PAKISTAN URGING THAT G77 AVIOD CONFRONTATION AND SEEK TO DRAFT DECLARATION THAT CAN BE ACCEPTED BY ALL OR IN WORDS OF INDIAN "IF NOT BY ALL, THEN BY ALMOST ALL." INDIANS ARE ANXIOUS TO INVOLVE SECT IN DRAFTING PROCESS, AS REPORTED REFTTEL, AND HAVE SOUNDED OUT SECT OFFICER. LATTER HAS CONFIRMED GENERALLY CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE OF G77 MISSIONS INVOLVED SO FAR AND HAS ADDED THAT
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US NEED HAVE NO SERIOUS WORRIES ABOUT NATURE OF DECLARATION.

3. AT FRIDAY MEETING G77 DELS AGREED TO WAIT FOR AFRICAN DECLARATION DRAFTED AT KINSHASA AND THEY EXPECT COPIES OF IT TO BE DISTRIBUTED TODAY, JUNE 10. THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE DECLARATION OF CARACAS, WOULD BE TWO DOCUMENTS THAT WOULD BE DRAWN UPON BUT G77 ENVISAGES DRAFTING ENTIRELY NEW AND MORE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION AND ONE THAT WOULD TAKE VIEWS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES INTO ACCOUNT. MEXICANS WILL CALL FURTHER MEETING OF G77 THIS WEEK, BUT OPENING OF CONFERENCE NOW SO CLOSE THAT THIS MEETING WILL ONLY CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR DRAFTING DECLARATION AT MEXICO CITY.

4. COMMENT - USUN HAS APPROACHED MISSIONS OF INDIA, IRAN AND PAKISTAN AT BOTH AMBASSADORIAL AND STAFF LEVELS URGING THAT WE AVIOD CONFRONTATION OVER POLITICAL ISSUES AT WCIWY. WHILE THESE APPROACHES APPEAR TO HAVE BORNE FRUIT HERE, WE CANNOT BE SURE THAT CAPITALS ARE AS CONCILIATORY AS THEIR UN MISSIONS APPEAR TO BE. END COMMENT.
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